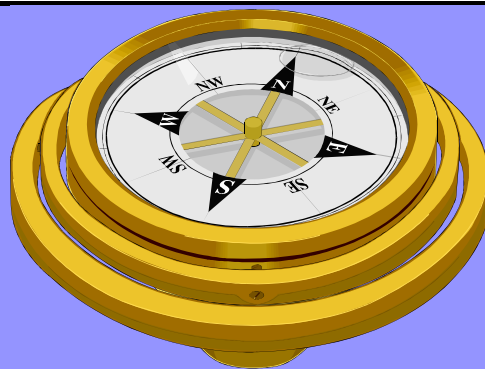


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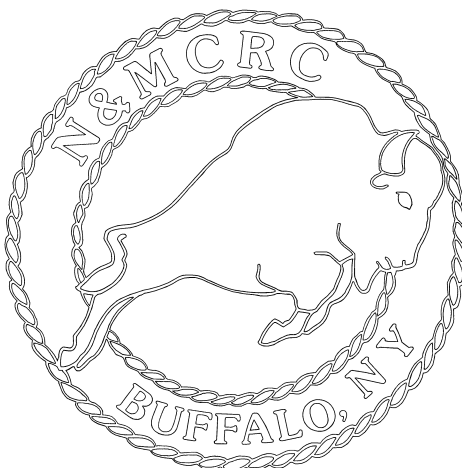
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## View from the Helm



*"There is no failure except in no longer trying."*  
Albert Hubbard

I'd like to start this column by saying "greetings" to everyone in the Buffalo Reserve community. Although I've been out and about as much as possible, there are still many of you I have yet to meet. I look forward to doing that over the coming months.

As you know, I relieved Commander Neuirth as Commanding Officer of NMCRC Buffalo last December. The days leading up to that ceremony are a mere blur. Within a few short months, I completed my last tour, attended Prospective CO School, acquired housing, moved my family into the area, and completed a fast-paced turnover period with my predecessor. It has been busy!

One of the first things that I'd like to do is to get to know the people of the Buffalo Reserve community. In this context, the word "community" means more than the population of drilling Reservists. This also includes family, since readiness is very much a family issue.

Our Reserve Center staff is always ready to provide you with information or assistance regarding Reserve programs and benefits. The list of "perks" is getting longer every year, and several new educational programs are coming on line as we speak.

We are also considering a few new ideas to make your lives easier. One of these initiatives is the issue of military ID cards. In the past, our members and their families had to travel to other facilities (Niagara Falls AFB) to obtain an ID card. We are working to have this service available at our Center, and will offer cards to dependents, retired personnel, etc. This will expedite the process for our SELRES members and their families.

Another program which we are looking to improve upon is the OMBUDSMAN program. The local OMBUDSMAN is that individual (usually the spouse of a SELRES or active duty sailor) designated to help other families during times of deployment. This person is sent to a one week OMBUDSMAN school, which teaches new OMBUDSMAN how to assist families with questions and needs. If you are interested in this rewarding position, please contact us at the Center for more information.

Wrapping up, I'd like to say that I'm immensely pleased to be here in Buffalo, and I look forward to meeting the rest of you in the months to come.

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